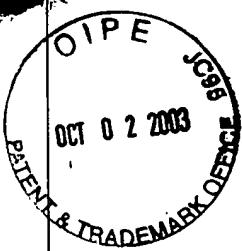


OCT 06 2003

10/6/03, 227



Certificate of Mailing by "Express Mail"

EV 353086718 US
"Express Mail" label number

October 2, 2003
Date of Deposit

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service on the date indicated above and is addressed to Mail Stop Petition, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313.

Lori B. Amoroso

Signature of person mailing correspondence

Lori B. Amoroso

Typed or printed name of person mailing correspondence

Note: Each paper must have its own certificate of mailing by "Express Mail".

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

AYAZ

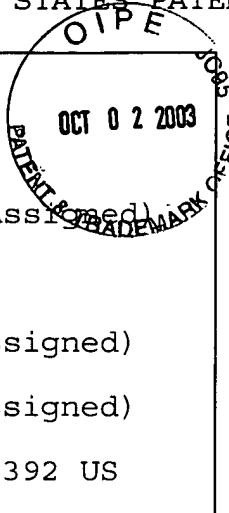
Serial No.: (Not Yet Assigned)

Filed: October 2, 2003

Art Unit: (Not Yet Assigned)

Examiner: (Not Yet Assigned)

Atty. Docket No.: 03-392 US



LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION
METHODODOLOGIES

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15230

**PETITION FOR ADMISSION OF MODEL/EXHIBIT
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.91(a)**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for the admission of a model/exhibit under 37 C.F.R. § 1.91(a), as set forth herebelow.

1. Submitted with the above-identified (instant) application is a video compact disc labelled "Appendix V", which can be played on a personal computer in "WINDOWS MEDIA PLAYER".

2. The "Appendix V" video disc contains an entire lesson of instruction in the Mandarin Chinese ("Mandarin") language in accordance with an embodiment of the inventions disclosed in the instant application. For the convenience of the Office, a duplicate copy of the video disc is submitted herewith in a CD mailer box labelled "EXHIBIT (37 C.F.R. § 1.91(a))". It is respectfully requested that the "Appendix V" video disc be admitted as part of the record of the instant application.

3. The instant application relates, *inter alia*, to methods of and arrangements for providing foreign language instruction (or, providing instruction of a target language to

02/02/2004 GHORDDF1 00000155 10679227

01 FC:1460

130.00 OP

one or more students whose native language is different from the target language) in a classroom, tutoring and/or multimedia setting.

4. Since foreign language instruction is a dynamic process, it will be appreciated that a mere written description of foreign language instruction methodologies might not ideally convey, *inter alia*, the intensity of the pedagogical connection, or "spark", that develops between the provider of instructional material (i.e., classroom teacher, tutor, or multimedia arrangement) and the recipient of such material (i.e., student or multimedia user).

5. It is further recognized that the efficacy of a foreign language instruction methodology, to say nothing of its distinct features and uniqueness as compared to other methodologies, can likely best be appreciated through the eyes of a relatively uninitiated observer, especially if the language of instruction is one with which the observer is not familiar.

6. Applicant has therefore provided the "Appendix V" video disc, which contains a sample lesson of instruction in Mandarin, in an effort to provide a relatively uninitiated observer at the Office (such as an Examiner assigned to the instant application) with the opportunity to directly engage with an instruction methodology according to an embodiment of the present invention and, thus, to appreciate the efficacy and impact of the methodology. (Of course, in the event that an Examiner assigned to the instant application or other observer is proficient in Mandarin, it is recommended that the lesson be viewed by an individual who is not proficient in Mandarin.)

7. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the "Appendix V" video disc can help impart, beyond the written portions (i.e., the main Specification, Claims, Abstract and Appendices A-M) of the instant application, an even better

appreciation of the present invention in accordance with at least one presently preferred embodiment thereof.

8. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that admission of the "Appendix V" video disc into the record of the instant application is highly desirable for demonstrating the uniqueness and distinct features of a foreign language instruction methodology in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention, as compared to known methodologies that form the prior art.

9. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that admission of the "Appendix V" video disc into the record of the instant application is fully warranted, and it is thus respectfully requested that the Office take positive action towards that end with due haste.

Applicant encloses herewith a check for \$130.00 to cover the petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h).

The Director is authorized to charge the \$[amount] petition fee to Deposit Account No. 18-0582.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-0582. A duplicate copy of this petition is attached.

Dated: October 2, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

Ian K. Samways
Reg. No. 36,664

REED SMITH LLP
P.O. Box 488
Pittsburgh, PA 15230
(412) 288-4160

Agent for Applicant